

REMARKS***Summary of the Corrected Amendment***

Upon entry of the currently submitted *Listing of Claims*, in which claims 1, 12, 22, 32, 44, and 46 will have been amended and claims 13 and 37 will have been provided with proper status identifiers, claims 1 – 53 currently remain pending.

Summary of the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment

In the instant Notice, the Examiner has required that the “*Amendment to the Claims*” section of Applicants’ February 3, 2006 amendment be corrected to additionally identify the status of claims 13 and 47. By the present amendment, Applicants submit a listing of all claims 1 – 53 and their status.

Accordingly, Applicants request the Examiner consider the amended claims and the arguments presented on February 3, 2006, withdraw the pending rejections, and indicate the allowability of the instant application and the pending claims.

Authorization to Charge Deposit Account

As the instant response has been submitted within the one month period set for response, Applicants submit no fees are necessary to ensure consideration of the instant amendment. However, if fees are deemed necessary by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the undersigned authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, including any extensions of time fees required to place the application in condition for allowance by Examiner’s Amendment, to Deposit Account No. 19 - 0089 in order to maintain pendency of this application.

CONCLUSION

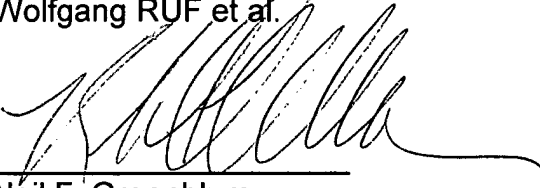
Any amendments to the claims which have been made in this response and which

have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

Accordingly, reconsideration of the outstanding Office Action and allowance of the present application and all the claims therein are respectfully requested and now believed to be appropriate.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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